

**Meeting Minutes for the
Governor's Council on Behavioral Health**

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

Public members present: Linda Bryan, James Gillen, Joseph Le, Richard Leclerc, Anne M. Mulready, James McNulty, Sandra DelSesto, Cheryl Padnaude.

Appointed members present: Meghan Clingham, (Mental Health Advocate), David Spencer (CEO of DATA of RI).

Statutory members present: None.

Ex-officio members present: Lou Cerbo (DOC); Ruth Anne Dougherty and Chris Strnad (DCYF); Denise Achin and Alice Woods (Department of Education); Colleen Poselli (DOH); Marlena Peabody, Jason Lyon, and Sharon Kernan (OHHS); MaryAnn Ciano (DEA); Craig Stenning, Rebecca Boss, Charles Williams, Anna Meehan, Linda Barovier, Elizabeth Kretchman (BHDDH).

Guests: Shannon Spurlock (RI Prevention Resource Center), Elizabeth Conley (The Providence Center), Allison Theriault (PSN), Loren Sidman (NHPRI), Melissa Worcester (Beacon/Neighborhood), Delores Burk (NHPRI), Stephen Buka (Brown University), Jennifer Wall (EP Prev. Coalition), Diane Dufresne (Pawtucket Prevention Coalition), Nancy Denuccio (Narragansett Prevention Partnership), Susan Jacobson (MHA RI).

Staff: Jim Dealy.

Review of Minutes (Rich Leclerc)

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. The agenda and draft minutes were circulated for review and comment. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes.

SEOW/PFS (Stephen Buka): Stephen gave a PowerPoint presentation on the outcomes of substance abuse prevention, which accompanies these minutes

ROSC and PAC updates (Sandra Delsesto): Sandra made the case for increasing Rhode Island's support for substance abuse prevention. Her presentation accompanies these minutes. She noted that cuts to the RI Student Assistance program and the use of Substance Abuse Block Grant funds to replace the cuts in state funding have a number of consequences:

- A significantly smaller number of students will be served
- Treatment and prevention programs now funded by the SABG will be cut

- The state matching funds required by SAMHSA will be cut, reducing the state's ability to get federal grants

The Prevention Advisory Committee proposed that the Council host a presentation to the Legislature by Kathryn Power urging that the state make a strong financial commitment to substance abuse services. The proposal was tabled for further discussion.

Linda Barovier presented on the Evidence Based Practices Workgroup of the Prevention Advisory Committee. Her presentation accompanies these minutes.

Governor's Council Annual Report (Jim Dealy): Jim requested that the Council vote to accept the draft report. The vote will take place at the September meeting.

Update from EOHHS (Deb Florio): Re-determinations for Medicaid eligibility for RiteCare families, which were on hold during the Medicaid Expansion roll-out, will be completed by November. BHDDH and EOHHS are working to transfer the state matching funds formerly administered by BHDDH to EOHHS, as required by the Legislature.

Update from BHDDH (Craig Stenning): Craig reported on the recent behavioral health commissioners meeting, which focused on the potential lack of behavioral health service capacity for the increased numbers of people who will now have health insurance for behavioral health needs, on the effects of the new Parity laws, on the need to address the numbers of people being imprisoned who have significant behavioral health needs, and on the OD Prevention Summit.

Update from DCYF (Chris Strnad)

Chris clarified that the five EBPs funded partly through the MH Block Grant are: Positive Parenting (PPP); Teen ACT; Family Centered Treatment; Trauma and Trauma focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Parenting with Love and Limits. Each of these plays a role in preventing adult SMI. He noted that DCYF is studying outcomes for MST. Chris also said that the Family Care Networks are being re-contracted with DCYF.

Old/New Business (Rich Leclerc): Jim Gillen noted the upcoming Recovery Month. The Rally4Recovery kick off event is on 8/29 at BHDDH. Jim will send out the month's schedule.

The meeting was adjourned by vote of the members.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 1:00 P.M., Barry Hall Room 126

Statutory and Public members, please let Jim Dealy know if you cannot attend

This meeting is open to the public.

If you plan to attend and you require special accommodations to ensure equal participation, please contact Jim Dealy at the Division of Behavioral Healthcare Services at 462-0118.